

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

SB 298 - HB 1454

March 14, 2023

SUMMARY OF BILL AS AMENDED (005819): Authorizes, on interstate highways and limited access multilane divided highways where the posted speed limit is 50 miles per hour (mph) or more and the traffic oriented in the same direction is stopped, an operator of a motorcycle to travel between rows of stopped vehicles in the same lane, as long as the motorcycle does not travel at a rate of more than 10 mph.

Creates a Class C misdemeanor offense for operating a vehicle between rows of stopped vehicles in the same lane on a public road, street, or highway other than the operation of a motorcycle as prescribed in the legislation.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL AS AMENDED:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. §§ 55-8-182(b)-(c), the operator of a motorcycle shall not overtake and pass in the same lane occupied by the vehicle being overtaken, and no person shall operate a motorcycle between lanes of traffic or between adjacent lines or rows of vehicles. These provisions do not apply to police officers in the performance of their official duties.
- The proposed legislation would authorize such operation in the circumstances described.
- It is assumed that, in most cases, operating a vehicle between rows of stopped vehicles in the same lane on a public road, street, or highway could already be considered a violation of existing laws governing the safe operation of motor vehicles; therefore, the proposed legislation is not expected to result in a significant increase in Class C misdemeanor convictions.
- Any fiscal impact to state or local government is estimated to be not significant.

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CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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